

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALTH
SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #20-03**

RE: (1) ADOPTION OF THE HEALTH OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, (2) SUSPENSION OF PROCUREMENT POLICIES RELATED TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES AND (3) AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE EMERGENCY GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR COVID-19 RELATED EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high" and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States and Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington Governor Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic and raised the health emergency to its highest level; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 12,753 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Washington State and 322 confirmed cases in Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, the disease can result in serious impacts to the health and well-being of the public and can overwhelm the health and medical system of Spokane County and there is substantial likelihood of risk to the citizens of Spokane County and multiple cities therein unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Regional Health District has activated and is continuing to operate its incident command center to manage its response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the health officer declared a public health emergency and has determined that delay in purchasing and procurement of supplies will result in an increased risk to public health and is requesting the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health to suspend the formal purchasing and bidding requirements and public notice requirements for the purchase of supplies, equipment, or personal services related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Health District maintains an emergency general fund reserve that can be accessed in the event of an emergency where the District's response is significant; and

WHEREAS, the response required by the Health District continues to grow and the expenditures required will be beyond the approved budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper to access and appropriate up to \$500,000.00 from the emergency general fund reserve and authorize expenditures therefrom related to COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH, as follows:

1. The Health Officer's Declaration of a Public Health Emergency dated March 20, 2020, is hereby adopted and ratified in full.
2. The Procurement policies adopted by the Board in Resolution #20-02 on January 30, 2020 are suspended with respect to purchases related to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Appropriation of up to \$500,000 from the emergency general fund reserve is authorized to be used to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. The Board of Health does hereby delegate to the Administrative Officer or his designee(s) the authority to execute contracts and authorize expenditures related to the COVID-19 public health emergency to be deducted from the emergency general fund reserves, in a total not to exceed \$500,000.
5. In light of the demands of this dangerous and escalating emergency situation, time-consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally required by law and the Health District's procurement policy are waived.

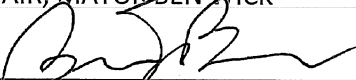
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution is effective immediately and remains in effect until further order of the Board of Health.

Signed this 30th day of April 2020 in Spokane, Washington.

SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF HEALTH



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